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During September – December 2009, five cases of syphilis were reported to the Montana STD Program. All cases were male ranging in age from 29 to 36. Four of the five cases were diagnosed in Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM); these four cases were also positive for HIV. Two of the cases were staged as primary syphilis, two as secondary syphilis, and one case as latent syphilis. The latter case was reported to have neurosyphilis. No cases were reported prior to September.

The attached summary from DPHHS outlines recent syphilis activity and provides basic information regarding the progression of syphilis. In addition, recommendations for screening males, particularly those reporting same-sex contact, are detailed.

DPHHS Subject Matter Expert (SME) Contact:

For more information contact the Montana DPHHS STD/HIV Prevention Section at (406) 444-2457.

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